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EXPORT OF CARS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of cars manufactured in the country has been declining;

(b) if so, the number of cars exported during each of the last three years;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period;

(d) whether the cars exported during the first nine months of the current financial year is less in comparison to the corresponding period of the last year; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of cars?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exports of Passenger Cars have been 37,232 (Nos.),29,705(Nos.) and 25,464(Nos.) during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively. (Source: SIAM)

(c) The exports of cars in value terms have been Rs.673.21 crores, Rs. 532.20 Crores and Rs. 454.02 crores during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively. (Source: DGCI&S)

(d) Yes, Sir.
(e) There is no exclusive scheme for promotion of export of cars. However, promotion of exports of this item, like other items in the Engineering Sector has been the constant endeavour of the government. Measures being provided to boost exports, including that of cars, consist of various provisions under the Export-Import Policy including Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Special Import Licence, Duty Drawback Scheme, Exemption under Section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act, Assistance from Market Development Fund etc.